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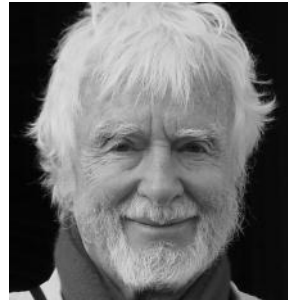
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Santa Cruz  
General Meeting, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Stevenson College Event Center

General Meeting, Sun., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

Speaker: Professor Marvin Chester

Topic: What Quantum Mechanics Says



Marvin Chester is Emeritus Professor of Physics from UCLA where for many years he taught courses on quantum mechanics and its implications. His journal articles include writings on the foundations of physics and he is the author of the book, "Primer of Quantum Mechanics" (Dover, 2003). In recent years he has been maintaining a desultory commentary on society and

science in the modern world on his blog: <http://divineneutrality.org>.

The goal of physics has come to be this: to produce the mathematics that accurately describes the workings of nature. Quantum mechanics is that mathematics. In the hundred years of its existence it has passed all the tests of experiment. But there is no accepted interpretation of this mathematics — because no interpretation makes sense! We have the mathematics that describes the world and yet do not understand the world. Using visual animations and no mathematics Professor Chester will explain this state of affairs.

## Upcoming Classes

Now is the time to sign up for November and Winter classes. Our classes provide opportunities for our members to delve more deeply into fascinating subjects, hear from outstanding teachers, and have fun as well: no exams, no grades, but ample opportunities to participate in discussions.

The classes vary in length, but the contribution we ask for each class is the same — \$20. Because the lecturers are not compensated (except for the pleasure of having truly interested and interesting students), your contributions are used for scholarships for re-entry and transfer students.

Please use the coupon on page 6 to sign up for fall classes. Save this information and mark the dates on your calendar; it is also available on our web site. Filling out the coupon is your enrollment. You will not be contacted for verification. Coupon also available from <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes>.

### November – April

#### **Opera Talk**

This class is for all you opera aficionados who plan to attend the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD series at the Santa Cruz Cinema 9. On the Wednesday preceding the Saturday screening, Miriam Ellis or (for one opera) John Dizikes will lead a lecture-discussion about the opera. Their many classes for OLLI have always been interesting, lively, and very informative. The class will take place in the meeting room of the Museum of Art and History from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as follows:

Glass's *Satyagraha*: Nov. 16, Handel's *Rodelinda*: Nov. 30; Verdi's *Ernani*:

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UCSC Friends' Holiday Party  
Sunday December 4, 2011, 2–4 p.m.  
You will receive an invitation  
in the mail.

## Upcoming Classes, continued from p. 1

Feb. 22; Massenet's *Manon*: April 4;  
Verdi's *La Traviata*: April 11.

### January

#### Three Women Poets John Dizikes

*The lyric poetry of three poets you have (probably) never heard of: Sara Teasdale, Amy Lowell, and Genevieve Taggard.*

Professor Emeritus John Dizikes will share his understanding of the lives and poetry of these three poets.



Sara Teasdale John has taught many classes for Lifelong Learners and we are always impressed with the breadth of his knowledge, his enthusiasm, his love of poetry, and, of course, his charm. This is your opportunity to take a class from a master teacher and to heighten your appreciation of poetry.

The class will meet at the Museum of Art and History on River Street on three Tuesdays, January 10, 17, and 24 from ten to noon. Some poems on page 7.



Genevieve Taggard

#### Music in the Time of the Enlightenment, 1725 – 1825 Robert Kraft

Professor Kraft will conduct a 13-week course of listening to music from the time of Bach and Handel through Gluck, Haydn, Mozart, and

Beethoven. The class will meet for three-hour sessions beginning Thursday, January 12, in the home of Prof. Kraft, 830 Pinetree Lane, Aptos, at 1:30 p.m. (475-5660, kraft@ucolick.org)



W.A. Mozart  
(1756-1791)

There will be some discussion of the philosophy of the enlightenment, the role of the European Freemasons, as well as the formal musical structures and forms of the period. Keyboard music, chamber music, orchestral music, masses, and opera all will be heard.

For those who participated in the past, you are certainly welcome to come again if there is space. Some of the music will be the same. Please check the box on the coupon if you have **not** taken this class before. We will give preference to new students.

Robert Kraft is professor emeritus of Astronomy and Astrophysics at UCSC. From 1970 to 1980, Prof. Kraft gave a Stevenson College course called *Beethoven's Music*.

### February

#### Philosophers Encounter Works of Art — Robert Goff

During four illustrated sessions, the class will discuss how certain works of art shaped the thinking of four important philosophers.

I. Kierkegaard: Mozart's "Don Giovanni"

II. Nietzsche: Wagner's Ring

III. Heidegger: Van Gogh's "Shoes" and the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BCE Temple of Aphaia.



IV. Wittgenstein: the Palais Storborough (Vienna) and Tolstoy's Russian Folk Tales

Robert Goff is retired from UCSC where he taught philosophy for many years. In addition to courses in the standard philosophy curriculum, his seminar offerings included Comic Embodiment; Element, Thing, and Metaphor; Philosophical Autobiography; and Philosophy and the Holocaust.

The class will meet on Tuesdays from ten to noon at the Museum of Art and History. February 7, 14, 21, and 28.

#### Later this Academic Year

- *Spring Bird Watching*: Todd Newberry
- *More Jazz*: Jim Brown
- *The Upanishads* (Philosophy in Ancient India): Paul Kashap
- *Two Shakespeare Plays*: Michael Warren

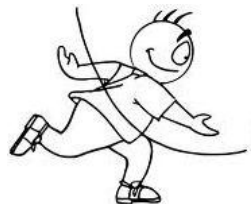
Details in the January newsletter and at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/classes>

## Interest Groups

For more information about Interest Groups, please consult our website.

### New Interest Groups

**Bowling** — Bowls at Boardwalk Bowl Tuesdays each week at 2:00 p.m. Parking



is free. Leader requests that you contact her if you wish to participate.

Leader: Gitta

Ryle, 425-7736, gittale@comcast.net

**Canadian Films** — Following the success of last year's discussion group, "Canada, Eh?", Robert Franson and Bob Stamp are hoping to put together a Canadian Film Series this winter. The group would meet every other week in the evenings during January, February, and March. Details to be announced. Contact Robert Franson by email if you are interested, rfranson@cruzio.com, but no phone calls please.

**Creative Writing 2** — Many in the group have a preference to work on memoir writing. This group is meeting in the leader's home at present. They need to find a new venue, so please contact the leader for dates & times. Leader: Mischa Adams, bmischa@gmail.com, 426-1438

**Reading Poetry Aloud** — The group will get going after the holidays, but it is OK to register now. Some of the poets included will be: Billy Collins, Mary Oliver, Ezra Pound, Byron, Keats, and many more. Leader: Joyce Keller, jkeller51@yahoo.com, 426-2515.

**What If.** — A discussion group focused on alternative history. A decent body of writing exists on alternative histories and what effect different outcomes might

have had on the future. The group would meet once a month for about two hours at the Leaders' home or any other convenient location. Group size would be on the order of 10 people ± depending on the capacity of the selected meeting place. Details at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/what-if>. Leaders: Phillip & Helen Lynch, 426-1837, what\_if\_ig@yahoo.com

### For New Members

**Newcomers Group** — Get acquainted with new members and learn about OLLI in an informal setting. Open to those who have joined in the past two years. Newcomers to Santa Cruz are especially welcome. Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons as needed. Time and place will be announced. Leader: Lyn Dremalis, lyndrem@comcast.net, 600-8354

### Groups with Events Scheduled

**Adventuring — Panama Trip: February 9–17, 2012.** Details at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/adventuring>. Leader: Craig Miller, craigsem@cruzio.com, 426-0835



**Art & Architecture — Friday, Nov. 11: Sunset Smart Homes, Palo Alto, and "Rodin and America" exhibit on the Stanford Campus.** Details at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/art>. Leader: Lois Widom, 423-0184, lowidom@yahoo.com

**Dining Out** — The Dining Out Group continues in November to sample cuisines from around the world with the wonderful Kao Sook Thai Restaurant in Scotts Valley for our next destination. As the year progresses we plan to visit noteworthy local restaurants while taking the opportunity to become better acquainted with other OLLI members. With just eight dinners on our annual calendar, we wanted to choose restaurants which offer varied menus of good food while having a quiet background that allows us to socialize and to enjoy the evening with friends. If you did not have a chance to sign up, feel free to contact either Cathy Pickerrell or Myra Mahoney. Note to those new to OLLI — Each month it's your option to attend or skip the dinners, based on your preferences and schedules. In November, choose **Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** or **Wednesday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**. Leaders: Tuesday: Myra Mahoney 421-0217, rascalsgrandma@hotmail.com,; Wednesday: Cathy Pickerrell, 713-5061, cathypickerrell@yahoo.com

**Discovering UCSC** — Visits a different UCSC department each month, going behind the academic scenes to discover what makes the department tick. **Nov. 8, 1 – 3 p.m. Visit the newly renovated and expanded McHenry Library.** RSVP to leader Sandy Brauner, 477-7081, sanjan@cruzio.com.

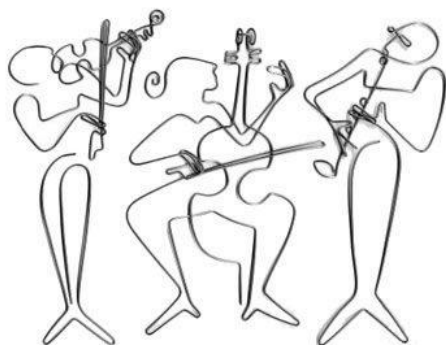
### Other Interests Groups

**Bridge Group** — Meets weekly on Mon. afternoon 1 – 4 p.m. for "party" (not duplicate) bridge. Leader: Mary Male, 427-2749, mmale@baymoon.com

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**Amateur Chamber Musicians** — It was great to have had the Meet and Greet on Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we'll have a Workshop in January or February for people who would like to play for others. (We're looking for more string instruments. Please encourage your string playing friends to join.). Leader: Marilyn Neher, mneher3@gmail.com, 600-8576



**Baroque Festival** — Attends Santa Cruz Baroque Festival concerts and pre-concert lectures. Leader: David Copp, 708-2206, dhcopp@yahoo.com

**Current Affairs Discussion** — meets monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. for an in-depth, respectful conversation about hot issues of concern. The idea is not to reach conclusions but to fully air the issue from multiple perspectives. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Leader: Mark Gordon, 458-2208, mgordon@cruzio.com

**Concept Exchange Society** — Meets monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun., 10:30 a.m.) to share world views. Leader: Marvin Chester, 713-5432, marvin@chesters.org, Judy Brock, 426-2372, jch.brock@sbcglobal.net

**Creative Writing** — Meets weekly (Fri. at 10:00) throughout the year to share members' writings. Leader: Elaine Heyman, elaineheyman@comcast.net, 423-0513

**Digital Photography** — Meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. Leaders: Cindy Margolin, crmargol@gotsky.com, 688-8129; Jim Kenny, jkenny.santacruz@gmail.com, 600-8189



**English in Action** — Members meet one-on-one as mutually arranged with UCSC-referred foreign students or spouses to help them with conversational English. OLLI members meet monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:00) to share ideas for meeting with students. Leader: Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984

**Evening Book Discussion** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Wed., 7:00) to discuss fiction and non-fiction selected by members. Leader: Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com

**Exploring Santa Cruz** — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri., 10:00 – noon) for a walk around town or country led by a couple of forever-curious amateurs. Leaders: Lesley Franz, lesfranz@aol.com, 425-4685, and Pam Burnham, 428-2796, in2nature@aol.com

**Film Seminar** — The Faris's popular Film Series is no longer part of the Inter-



est Group program, but is still offered by the Institute. Several sessions are offered each year.

You will find details on our website at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/Film>. In case of oversubscription, new attendees are given preference.

**Financial Education and Discussion** — Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 10 a.m., at Caffe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, to discuss pros and cons of specific financial strategies, options, investments, risk management & financial & protection products. Open to any member who would like to present to the group, but leader is prepared to present on the specified topics. See also the Investment Ideas Interest Group on page 5. Leader: Steve Edmonds, steve@2rs.com, 338-3106

**Folk Songs** — Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 1 p.m. for group sing. Leader: Matt Miller, 661-0398, alimat@comcast.net

**Great Books Discussion** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 1:15) to discuss the classics. Leader: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

The **Great Decisions** — Briefing books have been ordered from the Foreign Policy Association for our March 2012 interest group. The topics will be as follows: Middle East Alignment, Promoting Democracy, Mexico, Cybersecurity, Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, State of the Oceans, Indonesia, Energy Geopolitics. Our group is fortunate to have four co-leaders: Ginger Fortier, 462-3434, gingerfortier@hotmail.com, Linda Hanson, 464-3484, llhsf@sbcglobal.net, Gwen and Richard Houk, 916-965-6907, dgwebers1@AOL.com

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**Hiking/Walking** — Meets weekly (Wed., 9:30) for 1 to 2 hours of brisk walking mostly in local forests and seashores. Leader: Alice Tarail, 334-3328, alicet@cruzio.com

**Horticulture** — Meets weekly (Thurs., 9:30 – noon) at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Dept to work on plantings. Leader: Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, pmcveigh@baymoon.com.

**Investment Ideas** — Meets monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 10:30) in Aptos to share investment knowledge and ideas. Expertise is welcome, but not required. See also the Financial Education and Discussion Interest Group on page 4. Leader: Peter Andrews, 688-3545, peterandrews2000@hotmail.com



**Life in 2035** (formerly *Envisioning the Future*) — The focus of the group will be what the U.S. and our region may look like in the next 25 years. We will try to anticipate how energy, transportation, food, housing, health, security, climate, the environment, medicine, communication, etc., will appear in 2035. It should be a stimulating and creative endeavor. Meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Leader: Don Hoernschemeyer, 661-0310, dh1618meyer@cruzio.com

**Lunchtime Dining Out** — We enjoy good food and good company by sam-

pling interesting restaurants in the Santa Cruz area. We meet usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 12.30 p.m. Leader: Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com

**New Yorker Groups.** Somewhat varied in format, they all discuss readings from the *New Yorker*. Yes, the *New Yorker*.

Santa Cruz I Group — Leader: Virginia Law, 425-5453, veelaw2@pacbell.net

Aptos Group — Leader: Joan Rose, 477-0360, ramblingroses@yahoo.com

Capitola Group — Leader: Faye Alexander, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net, 476-8575

Santa Cruz II Group — Leader: Helen Jones, helenjones815@gmail.com, 420-1220

**Philosophy Discussion** — Meets monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 4:00). New series format. Leader: Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

**Play Reading** — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:30) to read plays selected by the members. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@gmail.com

**Reading Circle** — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., 1:30) to discuss a mixture of modern fiction and non-fiction selected by the members. Leader: Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com

**Science Study & Discussion** (Two Sections)

Science I — Meet monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., 1:00). For those with science background. Presentations, book reviews, and discussions. Leaders: Robert Wrathall,

wrathall@sbcglobal.net, Kathy Brooks, kathyzbrooks@sbcglobal.net, & Claudia Clayton

Science II — Meets monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Mon., 1:00). Discussion based on chapters from Bill Bryson's "A Short History of Nearly Everything." Leaders: Kathy Brooks, kathyzbrooks@sbcglobal.net, & Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

**Social Science Discussion** — Meets monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 2 – 4 p.m.). Specific topics to be chosen by the group from member recommendations. Leader: Jan Jaffe, 684-0470, janjaffe@charter.net

**Symphony Group** — Attends the Santa Cruz Symphony concerts, Fri. afternoon previews and reception. Leaders: Noel and Miriam Fishman, 426-3433, nmfish10@gmail.com

**Volunteers in Action** — Meets on-call to be of service to fellow Osher Institute members, the UCSC campus, and other worthy organizations. Leader: Sharon Morentin, smsea@sbcglobal.net, 420-1946

**Wine Tasting** — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. or Fri.). Leaders: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188, and Marilyn Wingfield, marilynwingfield@gmail.com





**Barter**  
by Sara Teasdale

Life has loveliness to sell,  
All beautiful and splendid things,  
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,  
Soaring fire that sways and sings,  
And children's faces looking up  
Holding wonder in a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell,  
Music like a curve of gold,  
Scent of pine trees in the rain,  
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,  
And for your spirit's still delight,  
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,  
Buy it and never count the cost;  
For one white singing hour of peace  
Count many a year of strife well lost,  
And for a breath of ecstasy  
Give all you have been, or could be.

**The Kiss**  
by Sara Teasdale

Before you kissed me only winds of heaven  
Had kissed me, and the tenderness of rain—  
Now you have come, how can I care for kisses  
Like theirs again?

I sought the sea, she sent her winds to meet me,  
They surged about me singing of the south—  
I turned my head away to keep still holy  
Your kiss upon my mouth.

And swift sweet rains of shining April weather  
Found not my lips where living kisses are;  
I bowed my head lest they put out my glory  
As rain puts out a star.

I am my love's and he is mine forever,  
Sealed with a seal and safe forevermore—  
Think you that I could let a beggar enter  
Where a king stood before?

**Autumn**  
by Amy Lowell

They brought me a quilled, yellow dahlia,  
Opulent, flaunting.  
Round gold  
Flung out of a pale green stalk.  
Round, ripe gold  
Of maturity,  
Meticulously frilled and flaming,  
A fire-ball of proclamation:  
Fecundity decked in staring yellow  
For all the world to see.  
They brought a quilled, yellow dahlia,  
To me who am barren  
Shall I send it to you,  
You who have taken with you  
All I once possessed?

**Sea-Change**  
by Genevieve Taggard

You are no more, but sunken in a sea  
Sheer into dream, ten thousand leagues, you fell;  
And now you lie green-golden, while a bell  
Swings with the tide, my heart: and all is well  
Till I look down, and wavering, the spell—  
Your loveliness—returns. There in the sea,  
Where you lie amber-pale and coral-cool,  
You are most loved, most lost, most beautiful.

**The Vast Hour**  
by Genevieve Taggard

All essences of sweetness from the white  
Warm day go up in vapor, when the dark  
Comes down. Ascends the tune of meadow-lark,  
Ascends the noon-time smell of grass, when night  
Takes sunlight from the world, and gives it ease.  
Mysterious wings have brushed the air; and light  
Float all the ghosts of sense and sound and sight;  
The silent hive is echoing the bees.  
So stir my thoughts at this slow, solemn time.  
Now only is there certainty for me  
When all the day's distilled and understood.  
Now light meets darkness: now my tendrils climb  
In this vast hour, up the living tree,  
Where gloom foregathers, and the stern winds brood.

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